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AERA COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS - At the meeting of the AERA Council, August 4, the following persons were elected as new temporary officers to serve until the time of the Annual Election in November:

President - Perry Colman of PMA Employees Recreation Association

Vice President - George Younkin of the SCS Employees Recreation Association

Treasurer - Joseph B. Ragan of the Office of Personnel Employees Recreation Association

Secretary - Joan Markland of the REA Athletic Association

A report from the Committee working on revision of the constitution and by-laws was presented by Perry Colman and, after a few additional changes, the new constitution was adopted by the Council. The Council, with its new officers, met again on Wed., Sept. 1st. At this meeting checks were distributed to the member associations representing shares in the profit on the AERA Boat Ride, held on July 22nd. Chairmen of standing committees for the next few months were announced by Mr. Colman, as follows:

Discount Buying Committee - Mr. Edward Garvey, SCS

Committee to Study the Advantages of Organization of a Consumers Cooperative as a Part of the Council-promoted Activities - Henry W. Bradford of FCA

Welfare Activities Committee - Charles Cunningham of the Welfare Association

Finance Committee - John Scott of REA

Publicity Committee - Erwin R. Draheim of Office of Personnel, ERA

Sports Activities - Joe Bertoline, ARA

Social Activities - Joan Markland, REA

Membership Committee - George Younkin

Mr. Ed Garvey reported that the Discount Buying and Group Purchasing Activities were expanding rapidly and requested an additional \$60.00 to be used to pay for part-time assistance with bookkeeping and advertising of special buying opportunities obtained through the efforts of the Discount Committee. This request was unanimously approved.

NEW SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES PLANNED - Those dance steps that you learned in highschool can be overhauled completely and given a new look in the series of social dance classes under the leadership of Tony DeFelice which will open on Monday Evening, Sept. 20. Class in fundamentals meets at 6:00 P.M.; intermediate class with South American dances at 7:30, and advanced lessons for graduates of last year's dancing classes and others who are not beginners will meet at 9:00 p.m. All classes will be held on the stage of the Jefferson Auditorium. Price for this series of 8 lessons is only \$5.00, each class is limited to 30 people and, as last year, we expect that there will be a waiting list. Register at Room 1011 South Building. Your registration fee will hold a place for you in the class.

BIGGEST BARGAIN OF THE YEAR FOR THOSE WHO LIKE DANCING was the dollar membership in the Agriculture Summer Dance Club. About 150 employees enjoyed 6 Tuesday nights of dancing in the air-conditioned Chantilly Room of the Hamilton Hotel. With ballrooms at \$100 a night during the winter season, it isn't going to be possible to have a winter dance club at such extremely low prices. However, there is a strong desire on the part of quite a few members of the summer club to get a winter series organized on a similar plan to the summer program. Milton Wemberg, acting president of the summer club, would like you to call him on extension 3054 if you would like to have this activity continued.

NEW ACTIVITIES GROUPS RESULT FROM AUGUST SURVEY - Response to the suggestions of the secret ambition department in the August Employees News Bulletin in many instances exceeded our wildest expectations. We received over 40 requests for golf lessons; exactly 40 persons said they were interested in tennis classes. Two group instruction classes were started for golf beginners at East Potomac's clubhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Tennis tyros will start a series of six lessons at 6 P.M. on Tuesday and Friday evenings at the East Potomac Courts under tennis pro Bill Freshman. Now, something must be done to assist 22 people who want horseback riding at less than exorbitant prices; 24 ambitious ice skaters who would like to get together; 13 who prefer roller skating, and 18 who want more chances for square dancing.

Among those who have a yen for creative expression in craft activities, there are 31 interested in woodworking; 29 interested in ceramics; 17 in weaving and 4 who would like to have some cooking classes. (But maybe cooking should be listed under Art.)

Sixteen people would like to get together in a sketch club; 8 more are toying with the idea of starting a flying club, and at least 10 would like to get started with a hunting and fishing club.

Chess instruction is needed for 18 people who would like to clear up some of the mysteries of this game of Kings and Queens.

For the Bridge beginners, from whose ranks a dozen or so have sent requests for classes since August First, another series of Contract lessons and an opportunity for a club — duplicate or otherwise, will be ready about October 1st. under the direction of bridge master Charles A. Lyons of E & PQ.

There are lots more activities with almost enough followers to get a group program started: 8 people want archery; 9 musicians could start an orchestra if a few more would join in to balance it up a bit. The few who wanted something done about sailing, canoeing, and swimming are going to whistle for wind and water until a few more folks declare their similar intentions.

Did we miss your hobby in this summary? Write to the Employees News Bulletin, c/o Welfare Association and cast a vote for what you want.

IF YOU'RE MAKING A HOBBY OF SAVING MONEY, you will be interested in the efforts of the AERA Group Buying and Discount Purchasing Committee to increase the savings that you can make by owning a membership card in the Agriculture Employees Recreation Association or one of its member groups. In addition to hundreds of hours of volunteer efforts, making phone calls, personal calls, writing letters, attending committee meetings and individually concentrating on the problem of how to force prices down by making the weight of our group buying power felt in places where it can do some good, the Committee has now employed a part-time paid assistant to take your orders for a share in group purchasing on various items as fast as the Committee arranges for such purchases. It may interest you to know that Bill Combs, the Committee's purchasing clerk, has already received more than \$500 in advance orders for a Multiple Vitamin preparation which is available at a tremendous savings over the usual retail price. This offer closes on September 17. Stop in and see Bill Combs at Room 1011 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday Afternoon if you want to join in this group purchase arrangement.

"HOW ABOUT YOUR QUOTA OF SAVINGS BONDS?"

RIDES WANTED:

Dora Curren, x2351, 5050 1st. St., N. E.
Dorothy Crandall, x5139 Kaywood Gardens
Mrs. Kaliski, x4247, 3rd & Whittier St., N.W.
Vernon M. Nelson, x5234, New York Ave. &
Bladensburg Road, N.E.
Mrs. Moorehead, x2133, 20th St. and Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va.
Mrs. Jeannette Carey, x5151, Sligo Ave. & Piney Branch Road
Viola Johnson, x5090, Kennedy St., N.W.

ROTATORS WANTED:

Walter L. Miller, x4435, Rock Creek Hills,
Md. (South of Kensington)
Mr. W. D. Bormuth, x2001, 3150 Buena Vista Terrace, S.E.
Harold Meister, x5981, from vicinity of Lee Blvd. & Buckingham, Arlington Forest or Glen Corlyn Areas.

RIDER WANTED:

Mrs. Thomas, x3467, is driving to Denver on September 30. Would like to have someone go along who would alternate driving.
Miss Ivor L. Nalley, Room 126-W, Route: Benning Rd., turn on Okla. Ave.-C St., N.E. etc. to Court #5.

USDA POST 36 ELECTS 1949 OFFICERS - At the regular monthly meeting of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Post 36 at the American Legion Club House, August 13, the following officers were elected:

Lance G. Hooks - Commander
John J. Kiracofe - Sr. Vice Commander
Wm. L. McMahon - Second Vice Commander
James L. Sarver - Third Vice Commander
Grace S. Conway - Finance Officer
Orvene M. Nelson - Historian
Harry Kabat - Chaplain
Joseph I. McMahon - Sergeant-at-Arms
Oren T. Eason - Service Officer
Madeline F. Knotts was again appointed Post Adjutant.

The new officers will be formally installed at an Installation-Dance in the Gold Room of the Hamilton Hotel, Sept. 10.

STRING INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTION CLASSES - Do you play a violin or other similar stringed instrument and wish for some coaching and a chance for a weekly workout with a small group of others of about your same speed?

We have learned of an excellent instructor whose services can be had reasonably by a group of six or more. -- This could lead to the establishment of a chamber orchestra. If you're interested speak up.

DRAMA CLUB - Ten persons wanted to engage in play reading activity during September. Want to be one of them?

USDA STAMP CLUB meeting for August has been canceled. Regular meetings will be resumed in September.

LADIES ANNUAL MEDAL PLAY TOURNAMENT - Federal Golf Association - Will be held September 22, 1948 at Rock Creek Park, starting time 1:00 P.M. Entrance Fee \$1.00 plus 40¢ Greens Fee. Prizes are offered for low gross and low net scores with a new revolving trophy and a new permanent trophy in each class. All entries should be sent to Miss Lucille M. Busch, 1800 Kenyon St., N.W. Further information is available from Miss Busch whose home telephone is DE 7627, Office phone, FR 1400, Ext. 297 or 298.

The women's Mid-Atlantic Golf Championship Finals will be played at the Congressional Country Club, September 24th.

STATE SOCIETY DANCES resuming in September.
Sat., Sept. 11 - N.Y. State Society Dance, Shoreham, 9:30 P.M.
Thurs., Sept. 23 - Texas State, Shoreham, 10:00 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 25, Iowa State, Shoreham, 9:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 25, N. Carolina, Shoreham, 9:30 P.M.

SONGFESTS AT 12:20 ON THURSDAYS IN JEFFERSON AUTITORIUM

GRADUATE SCHOOL - The Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture opens its 28th school year on Monday, September 20. Registration begins on September 11 with September 18 as the last day for registration without payment of an extra fee. For some of us who still cherish the illusion that we are not too old to learn, University catalogues have a fascination almost equal to the February crop of garden seed catalogues and the semi-annual publications of the giant mail order houses. The Graduate School's new publication is no exception. If we could only find the time there are plenty of purely adult education offerings in addition to the technical courses. No less than 8 courses in various kinds of photographic activity, for instance; 4 courses in home decoration; several art courses, including a survey of art and a course of the study of modern painting which aims to arrive at an understanding and appreciation of impressionism and post-impressionism. (There's ambition for you.)

For those of us who are concerned with what makes people behave like human beings, there are such courses as Sociology and Psychology of Group Relations; the Condition of Personality Growth; Psychology of Human Relations; Current Problems of World Politics and the United Nations Organization, Function and Prospects.

Or if you're one of those who hold to the belief that people are no d-good, maybe you'd prefer some technical offerings like the following: Analysis of Rigid Frames (for engineers on alternate years); Least Squares and Curve Fitting (This one is in statistics - available in 1950-51 and every 3rd. year) Multivariate Analysis (Alternate years).

Dr. Harold Eisle, Assistant Director of Graduate School, mentioned recently that he had been surprised at the enthusiasm among students for the course in Great Books which was offered last year. We wouldn't be surprised that there will be an even heavier enrollment for this popular course this year. So, if you are thinking about getting into it, it will be wise to drop around to the Graduate School Office and register early.

ARCEA FOLKS AT BELTSVILLE are resuming their monthly Square Dance series with another party at the Log Lodge on Friday Night, Sept. 17th., 8:30 P.M. A limited number of tickets to this dance are available at the Employee Activities Office, Room 1011 South Building.

THE AGRICULTURE CHORISTERS, having weathered the temporary depletion of their ranks caused by summer vacations, are now increasing their membership and enlarging their activities in anticipation of several appearances at Agriculture functions in the near future. One of the activities now being sponsored by the Choristers is a weekly songfest in the Jefferson Auditorium during the Thursday Noon lunch period. These affairs, lead by Clem Bray of REA, with Alice Campbell of EAE at the piano, are rapidly growing in popularity. Make a note now to come around at 12:30 on Thursday, Sept. 9th and enjoy a bit of wholesome and carefree vocal exercise.

CIRCUS FANS AND LEGIONNAIRES may want to be reminded that the Cooley-McCullough Post No. 22 of the American Legion is sponsoring the appearance of the Mills Brothers 3 Ring Circus, Benning Rd. and 26th St., N.E. on September 14th. The post share of the proceeds are to be used for veterans welfare work.

DANCING CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 20

There are several good movies on hunting and fishing available for Noon hour showings if there are enough people interested to make the showings worthwhile. Drop a brief message to the Employee Activities Office, Welfare Association, Room 1011 South Building if you are interested in seeing films on such outdoors subjects.